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Applicant: Hiroshi OOHIGASHI Conf.: 5516
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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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In reply to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003, the due date for response having been petitioned to be extended three (3) months to July 15, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes an Amended Claim Set, One New Sheet of Drawings and Remarks.

The amendments presented herein comply with the "Revised Amendment Format" as set forth in the Official Gazette Notice dated February 25, 2003. In accordance with the Notice, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d) are waived.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto is one (1) sheet of corrected formal drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected formal drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

Figure 4 is now designated by the legend "PRIOR ART".

It is respectfully requested that the corrected formal drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.